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Pay of teachers in Harijan Welfare Schools.

* 2031 *Q.*—Sri M. DHARMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the pay of teachers working in the Harijan Welfare Schools in the Chingleput district are not paid even once in six months; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN:—" (*a*) It is not a fact, Sir. The pay for every month is disbursed to the teachers before the 10th of the succeeding month.

" (*b*) The question does not arise."

Sri M. DHARMALINGAM:—" Sir, it is a great shock not only to the Member who has put the question to the Hon. Minister but also to the poor teachers who have not got their pay in spite of several representations to the officer in person and even after a long interval of six months. On enquiry, I was told that they will be paid within a short period and bills have been prepared and placed before the officers for approval. Will the Government consider this matter seriously and take necessary steps to see that the pay of these teachers is paid in time at least in future? " 9 a.m.

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN:—" Sir, from the statement submitted by the Collector, I find that the pay bills were drawn for the eight months beginning from September to April. It evidently shows that the pay has been disbursed by the 10th of every month. So, I am not able to understand how the hon. Member is saying that the pay of those teachers has not been paid for six months consecutively? "

Sri M. DHARMALINGAM:—" Sir, the Hon. Minister has come forward to say that the pay of teachers was being paid by the 10th of every month. I have made my statement on the floor of the House that the teachers have not been paid their pay only on receipt of representations from the teachers working in different schools to the effect that the drawal of pay of those teachers was being delayed even for six months. So, will the Hon. Minister kindly arrange to conduct an enquiry to find out whether my allegation is correct and if it is correct, will he see that there is no delay in payment at least in future? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN:—" It may be so in the case of one or two teachers. If the hon. Member thinks that there is any delay in respect of a large number of them, I will enquire into the matter. I may, however, add that from the information that is available with me, I am quite sure that the pay has been disbursed before the 10th of

every month. I am sorry that the hon. Member still persists in saying that the pay has not been paid to teachers. Moreover, the hon. Member has not mentioned in his question the period for which he wants the information.''

* 2032 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—'' I am not putting this question, Sir.''

Statues of Britishers in the City.

* 2033 *Q.*—Sri G. GOVINDAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government propose to remove the statues of Britishers installed at Mount Road and Georgetown, Madras, to the Madras Museum?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' There is no such proposal at present.''

Sri G. GOVINDAN :—'' கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, சென்னையில் மேல்நாட்டாரின் சிலைகள் இருப்பதை வெளியூர்களிலிருந்து வருபவர்கள் ரொம்ப அருவறுப்போடு பார்க்கிறார்கள். ஆகையால் இந்தச் சிலைகளை அந்த இடங்களிலிருந்து எடுக்காவிட்டாலும், தயவுசெய்து அவைகளின் மேலே துணியைப்போட்டு மூடி வைத்தால் நலமாக இருக்குமென்று நான் நினைக்கிறேன். இதை சர்க்கார் யோசிப்பார்களா ?''

Mr. SPEAKER :—'' This question has come up before the House a number of times.''

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' துணிபோட்டு மூடுகிற சமாசாரம் புது சமாசாரம். (சிரிப்பு.) ஆகையால் அது யோசிக்கப்பட வேண்டிய விஷயம்.''

Loans under the National Extension Service Scheme.

* 2034 *Q.*—Sri M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the zamin villagers are not eligible for loans available under the National Extension Service Scheme;

(*b*) if so, why; and

(*c*) whether the Government have made any other arrangement to enable those villagers to get loans?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' (*a*) No, Sir. They are eligible.

'' (*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise.''

Sri M. DHARMALINGAM :—'' Sir, the loan applications submitted by villagers living in zamin villages have been rejected. Even yesterday, representations have been made by the villagers in Kadambathur block, but the Hon. Minister now says that it is not a fact. Will the Hon. Minister consider the desirability of